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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 456, whercin the cover assembly comprises a hinged cover-pivetable between the closed and open positions.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 356, and further comprising a movable latch pin attached to the at least one pivot boss.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 456, wherein the cover assembly comprises a tongue piece for directing the discharge opening to one of the hinged cover and the filling opening.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 356, wherein the cover assembly comprises a tongue piece for directing the pivot boss to the flange portion.
9. (Currently Amended) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 456, and further comprising a biasing mechanism for urging the cover to the closed position.
10. (Original) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 9, wherein the biasing mechanism is a spring.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)

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15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 156, wherein the at least one pivot boss is attached to the at least one gate.

19. (Currently Amended) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 156, and further comprising a biasing mechanism for urging the at least one gate to the closed position.

20. (Original) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 19, wherein the biasing mechanism is a spring.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A combination according to claim 2158, wherein the cover assembly comprises a hinged cover-pivetable between the closed and open positions.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A combination according to claim 2358, and further comprising a movable latch pin attached to the at least one pivot boss.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A combination according to claim 2458, wherein the cover assembly comprises a tongue piece for directing the discharge opening to one of the hinged cover and the filling opening.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A combination according to claim 2358, wherein the cover assembly comprises a tongue piece for directing the pivot boss to the flange portion.

29. (Currently Amended) A combination according to claim 2458, and further comprising a biasing mechanism for urging the cover to the closed position.

30. (Original) A combination according to claim 29, wherein the biasing mechanism is a spring.

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31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) A combination according to claim 2158, wherein the at least one pivot boss is attached to the at least one gate.

39. (Currently Amended) A combination according to claim 2158, and further comprising a biasing mechanism for urging the at least one gate to the closed position.

40. (Original) A combination according to claim 39, wherein the biasing mechanism is a spring.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4160, and furthermore moving the reloading canister toward the filling opening along a tongue piece.

43. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4160, and furthermore moving the reloading canister away from the filling opening to move the cover from the-an open position to the-a closed position

44. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4160, and furthermore moving the reloading canister away from the filling opening to move the at least one gate from the-an open position to the-a closed position.

45. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4160, and furthermore pivoting the at least one gate from the-a closed position to the-an open position.

46. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4160, and furthermore latching the at least one gate in the-a closed position with a movable latch pin.

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47. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly for use by a participant in a paintball competition to supply paintballs to a paintball storage reservoir having a filling opening therein, the paintball gun reloading assembly comprising:

a cover assembly attached to the paintball storage reservoir over the filling opening, and comprising at least one movable cover;

a reloading canister having a discharge opening adapted for at least partial insertion beyond the at least one cover into the filling opening, and comprising a gate assembly having at least one gate; and

at least one pivot boss attached to the at least one gate for opening the at least one gate when the at least one pivot boss is brought into contact with the cover assembly by the insertion of the discharge opening into the filling opening.

48. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 47, wherein the cover assembly comprises a hinged cover.

49. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 48, wherein the hinged cover further comprises a flange portion for engaging the at least one pivot boss.

50. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 49, and further comprising a movable latch pin attached to the at least one pivot boss.

51. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 47, wherein the cover assembly comprises a tongue piece for directing the discharge opening to one of the hinged cover and the filling opening.

52. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 49, wherein the cover assembly comprises a tongue piece for directing the pivot boss to the flange portion.

53. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 47, and further comprising a biasing mechanism for urging the cover to a closed position.

54. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 47, wherein the at least one pivot boss is attached to the at least one gate.

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55. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly according to claim 47, and further comprising a biasing mechanism for urging the at least one gate to the closed position.

56. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly for use by a participant in a paintball competition to supply paintballs to a paintball storage reservoir having a filling opening therein, the paintball gun reloading assembly comprising:

a cover assembly attached to the paintball storage reservoir comprising a movable cover having a flange portion;

a reloading canister having a discharge opening adapted for at least partial insertion into the filling opening and comprising a gate assembly having at least one gate; and

at least one pivot boss attached to the at least one gate for moving the at least one gate and opening the movable cover when the at least one pivot boss is in contact with the flange portion and the reloading canister is moved into the filling opening;

wherein the cover and the at least one gate are movable to an open position by the engagement of the reloading canister with the cover assembly, and

wherein the participant can continuously operate the paintball gun during the filling process.

57. (New) A paintball gun reloading assembly for use by a participant in a paintball competition to supply paintballs to a paintball storage reservoir having a filling opening therein, the paintball gun reloading assembly comprising:

a cover assembly attached to the paintball storage reservoir comprising a movable cover;

a reloading canister having a discharge opening adapted for at least partial insertion into the filling opening and comprising a gate assembly having at least one elliptical gate; and

at least one pivot boss attached to the at least one gate for moving the at least one gate when the at least one pivot boss is in contact with the cover assembly and the reloading canister is moved into the filling opening;

wherein the cover and the at least one gate are movable to an open position by the engagement of the reloading canister with the cover assembly, and

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wherein the participant can continuously operate the paintball gun during the filling process.

58. (New) A combination paintball gun, paintball storage reservoir, and paintball gun reloading assembly, comprising:

a paintball gun for use by a participant in a paintball competition for firing paintballs at a target;

a paintball storage reservoir having a filling opening therein and attached to the paintball gun for supplying paintballs to the paintball gun;

a cover assembly attached to the paintball storage reservoir comprising a movable cover having a flange portion;

a reloading canister having a discharge opening adapted for at least partial insertion into the filling opening and comprising a gate assembly having at least one gate; and

a pivot boss for moving the at least one gate and opening the movable cover when the pivot boss is in contact with the flange portion and the reloading canister is moved relative to the filling opening;

wherein the cover and the at least one gate are movable to an open position by the engagement of the reloading canister with the cover assembly, and

wherein the participant can continuously operate the paintball gun during the filling process.

59. (New) A method for supplying paintballs to a paintball storage reservoir having a filling opening therein, the method comprising:

attaching a cover assembly comprising at least one cover over the filling opening of the paintball storage reservoir;

engaging a reloading canister comprising a discharge opening and at least one gate with the filling opening by at least partially inserting the discharge opening beyond the at least one cover into the filling opening;

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opening the at least one cover as the discharge opening is at least partially inserted beyond the at least one cover into the filling opening; and  
discharging paintballs through the discharge opening into the filling opening to fill the storage reservoir.

60. (New) A method according to claim 59, and furthermore moving the reloading canister toward the filling opening so that at least one pivot boss extending from the at least one gate is in contact with the cover assembly.